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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Morning Session, 9 o'clock

Presiding: George Parrish, M.D., President Department of Health Officers, League of California Cities; Health Officer of Los Angeles City.

1. Address of Welcome—Alex M. Lesem, M.D., Director of Public Health, San Diego County, San Diego.
2. Response—Bertram P. Brown, M.D., Director of Public Health, State of California, Sacramento.
3. Report of Secretary—
4. Presidential Address—George Parrish, M.D., City Health Officer, Los Angeles.
5. Training Status of Official Public Health Personnel in Eleven Western States—(District 5, U. S. P. H. S.). Speaker: Fred T. Foard, M.D., Regional Consultant, U. S. Public Health Service, San Francisco.

6. Open Forum on Problems of the Local Health Officer—Conducted by the members of the California State Board of Public Health: Dr. A. Elmer Belt, Dr. Bertram P. Brown, Dr. F. M. Pottenger, Sr., Dr. Amos Christie, Dr. V. A. Rossiter, Dr. Charles E. Smith, Dr. Norman F. Sprague, Dr. Frank B. Young.

Afternoon Session, 2.30 o'clock

SECTION I

Chairman: Malcolm H. Merrill, M.D., Chief, Bureau of Venereal Diseases, California State Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California.

1. The Treatment of Gonorrhea Based on a Controlled Series of 1,500 Cases—H. M. Elliott, M.D., Director of Men's Venereal Disease Section, City Health Department, Los Angeles.
2. Statistical Study of 80,000 Blood Serological Tests for Syphilis—Dr. R. V. Stone, Director of Laboratories, Los Angeles County Health Department, Los Angeles.
Discussion: Malcolm H. Merrill, M.D., Chief, Bureau of Venereal Diseases, California State Department of Public Health, San Francisco.
3. Venereal Disease and the National Defense—J. F. Luten, M.D., Lieutenant Commander, Medical Corps of the Navy, U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego.

Discussion: Lee A. Stone, M.D., County Health Officer, Madera.

4. Certification of Laboratories in California—W. H. Kellogg, M.D., Chief, Division of Laboratories, California State Department of Public Health, Berkeley.

SECTION II

Chairman: John C. Ruddock, M.D., President, Los Angeles City Health Commission, Los Angeles.

1. Nutrition and the National Defense—Dr. Henry Borsook, Professor of Biochemistry, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena.

Discussion: Nina Simmonds, Sc.D., Lecturer in Nutrition, U. C. College of Dentistry, San Francisco.

2. The Newer Implications of Adequate Maternal and Child Hygiene Care—Olive V. Cordua, M.D., Director of Maternal and Child Hygiene, County Health Department, San Diego.

Discussion: Lenor S. Goerke, M.D., Yolo County Health Officer, Woodland.

3. The League of California Cities and Its Value to Health Officers—Herbert F. True, M.D., City Health Officer, Sacramento.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Morning Session, 9.30 o'clock

Chairman: G. E. McDonald, M.D., City Health Officer, Long Beach.

1. Naturalistic Methods in Mosquito Abatement—Harold F. Gray, Gr. P. H., Engineer, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District, Oakland.

Discussion: William T. Ingram, Sanitary Engineer, San Joaquin County Health District, Stockton.

2. Sewage Pollution in San Francisco Bay Waters—C. G. Gillespie, C.E., Chief, Bureau of Sanitary Engineering, California State Department of Public Health, Berkeley.

Discussion: J. C. Geiger, M.D., Director of Public Health, San Francisco.

3. Emergency Disinfection of Water Supplies—R. F. Goudy, Sanitary Engineer, Bureau of Water Works and Supply, Los Angeles.

4. Dental Health for Children—Guy S. Millberry, D.D.S., Los Gatos.

Discussion: Verne G. Wilt, D.D.S., Los Angeles City School Department, Los Angeles.

Annual Banquet, 6.30 o'clock

Speaker—Vierling Kersey, Superintendent of Schools, City of Los Angeles. Subject—The Relationships of Health Departments and Boards of Education.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Morning Session, 9.30 o'clock

Chairman: C. Morley Sellery, M.D., Director of Health, City Schools, Los Angeles.

1. Recent Developments in Virus Research—K. F. Meyer, M.D., Director of the Hooper Foundation for Medical Research, San Francisco.

2. Neurotropic Virus Studies in Kern County—W. C. Buss, M.D., Kern County Hospital, Bakersfield.

3. Laboratory Studies of Influenza—Monroe D. Eaton, M.D., Research Laboratory, Rockefeller Foundation for Medical Research, Berkeley.

General discussion opened by Dr. John F. Kessell, Professor of Bacteriology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

4. Business Session.

Health Officers' Luncheon—12.30

Subject—Panel on Administrative Problems, "The Management of Public Health Personnel."

Leader: William P. Shepard, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, San Francisco. Fred T. Foard, M.D., Regional Consultant, United States Public Health Service, San Francisco. Roy O. Gilbert, M.D., Assistant Health Officer, Los Angeles County Health Department, Los Angeles. Alex M. Lesem, M.D., Director of Public Health, San Diego County, San Diego.

Afternoon Session, 2.30 o'clock

SECTION I

Chairman: A. V. Nasatir, M.D., Director, Division of Industrial Hygiene, City Health Department, Los Angeles.

1. Industrial Hygiene and the National Defense Program—John P. Russell, M.D., Chief, Industrial Hygiene Service, California State Department of Public Health, Berkeley.

Discussion: A. V. Nasatir, M.D., Director, Division of Industrial Hygiene, City Health Department, Los Angeles.

2. The National Housing Program—W. W. Alley, Technical Director, Los Angeles City Housing Authority, Los Angeles.

Discussion: Carey McWilliams, Chief, Division of Immigration and Housing, State Department of Industrial Relations, San Francisco.

3. Housing Survey of Sub-standard Areas in San Diego—Alex M. Lesem, M.D., Director of Public Health, San Diego County, San Diego.

Discussion: C. T. Roome, M.D., City Health Officer, Santa Barbara.

4. Sanitization of Eating Utensils—A. Harry Bliss, Camp Sanitary Inspector, Division of Immigration and Housing, State Department of Industrial Relations, Fresno.

Discussion: Charles Arthur, Bacteriologist and Associate Health Officer, Pasadena City Health Department, Pasadena.

SECTION II

Joint Meeting of Health Officers and the California Association of Milk Inspectors.

1. The Roadside Improvement Campaign. Marcus Day, General Production Manager, The Golden State Company, Los Angeles.
2. The Economics of Milk Production and Distribution—W. B. Parker, Director, California State Department of Agriculture, Sacramento.
3. The Effect of the New Official Media on Bacteria Counts—R. W. Newman, Bacteriologist, Bureau of Dairy Service, California State Department of Agriculture, Sacramento.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Morning Session, 9.30 o'clock

Chairman: Bertram P. Brown, M.D., Director of Public Health, State of California, Sacramento.

1. The Problem of Non-quarantinable Diseases—Warren F. Fox, M.D., Imperial County Health Officer, El Centro.
Discussion: R. L. Kaufman, M.D., County Health Officer, Riverside.
2. The Health Officer's Part in the Immunization Program—Dwight Bissell, M.D., Monterey County Health Officer, Salinas.
Discussion: Edward L. Russell, M.D., Orange County Health Officer, Santa Ana.
3. Rural Health Problems—Ellis D. Sox, M.D., Tulare County Health Officer, Visalia.
Discussion: E. M. Bingham, M.D., San Luis Obispo County Health Officer, San Luis Obispo.

CHINESE EGGS

One lot of Chinese powdered eggs totaling 2,000 pounds was received at the port of San Francisco during July. In accordance with the provisions of the Imported Egg Law, the lot was inspected and certificates of inspection attached to each container. This marks the second small lot of eggs imported from China received since the first of the year. Two dollars is charged for each certificate issued, and the eggs are kept under supervision until disposition is made.

WALNUT SHELLING LAW IS ENFORCED

In accordance with the provisions of an act of the last Legislature, licenses are now issued to walnut shelling plants throughout the state. Conditions have improved greatly since the enactment of this law. Heretofore, walnuts were distributed promiscuously to families, for shelling. The sanitary con-

ditions under which nuts were shelled and stored were extremely objectionable. Home shelling has now been eliminated and those who formerly worked at home are now engaged in activities in licensed establishments which conform to the requirements of the Food Sanitation Act. During July, more than a ton of walnut meats were quarantined in shelling plants for the reason that they were worm-infested and unfit for human consumption.

VINTAGE WINE

A total of 8,727,030 gallons of wine has been inventoried by the Bureau of Food and Drug Inspection, a considerable portion of which is being considered for vintage approval. During July, considerable time has been spent in sampling bulk wines on the retail market. Difficulty is experienced in maintaining high quality in dry wines which do not continue to be sound for long periods of time after the container has become partially emptied. Under regulations, vintage wine can only be bottled at the wineries under the supervision of inspectors of the bureau. During the month considerable quantities of vintage wine were bottled.

MARINE SALVAGE

A cargo damaged in a shipwreck off the coast of Mexico was placed in quarantine in Los Angeles. Some of the material was salvaged at the site of the wreck and was landed in San Francisco. More than 4,500 cases of assorted drugs and cosmetics, badly damaged, were landed at Los Angeles. More than 15,000 cases of drugs and 108,000 cases of whiskey were quarantined in San Francisco, but later released because inspection revealed that the merchandise is of saleable quality.

RAW SUGAR

The sale of raw sugar labeled "not intended for direct human consumption" and "not a food" was investigated by the bureau. It was disclosed that this sugar was being offered for retail sale after being repacked by a Los Angeles wholesale grocery concern. Official samples were taken in order to determine by chemical analysis the true condition of the sugar, which is undoubtedly an unrefined product in the crude stage, containing considerable amounts of impurities and foreign material.

MORBIDITY

Complete Reports for Following Diseases for Week Ending August 24, 1940

Chickenpox

95 cases: Alameda County 1, Oakland 4, San Leandro 3, Walnut Creek 1, Fresno County 2, Kern County 5, Lake County 1, Lakeport 1, Los Angeles County 6, Alhambra 2, Los Angeles 15, Monrovia 2, San Gabriel 1, Monterey County 2, King City 1, Orange 8, San Diego County 1, Coronado 1, San Diego 13, San Francisco 7, San Joaquin County 1, Stockton 2, San Luis Obispo County 8, Santa Clara County 1, Sonoma County 2, Tulare 1, Winters 1, Yuba County 2.

Diphtheria

13 cases: Oakland 1, Los Angeles 3, Santa Ana 1, Riverside County 1, San Diego 1, Stockton 1, San Luis Obispo 1, Shasta County 1, Yreka 2, Ventura 1.

German Measles

77 cases: Butte County 2, Kingsburg 1, Los Angeles County 1, Los Angeles 2, Monrovia 1, Pasadena 2, Mariposa County 63, Riverside 1, San Diego County 1, San Francisco 2, Shasta County 1.

Influenza

10 cases: Los Angeles 2, San Francisco 1, San Mateo 1, Sonoma County 6.

Malaria

10 cases: Fresno County 1, Yosemite National Park 1, Ontario 1, Sutter County 3, Yolo County 2, Winters 1, Yuba County 1.

Measles

41 cases: Alameda County 1, Berkeley 1, Oakland 1, Sanger 1, Kern County 1, Los Angeles County 2, Los Angeles 8, Napa 2, Orange County 2, Anaheim 1, Riverside County 1, Sacramento 2, San Diego County 3, Chula Vista 1, San Diego 6, Stockton 1, San Luis Obispo County 2, San Luis Obispo 1, Santa Barbara 2, Palo Alto 1, Woodland 1, California 1.*

Mumps

106 cases: Berkeley 1, Oakland 9, Fresno County 1, Coalinga 1, Lake County 1, Los Angeles County 5, Glendale 2, Long Beach 2, Los Angeles 14, Monrovia 2, Pasadena 4, South Pasadena 1, South Gate 1, Monterey County 1, Anaheim 3, Fullerton 3, Huntington Beach 1, Newport Beach 2, Orange 1, Santa Ana 1, Placer County 1, Sacramento 1, San Diego County 3, San Diego 2, San Francisco 1, San Luis Obispo County 2, Paso Robles 4, Santa Maria 2, Palo Alto 8, Santa Cruz 1, Shasta County 17, Stanislaus County 1, Visalia 1, Ventura County 1.

Pneumonia (Lobar)

11 cases: Brawley 1, Los Angeles County 2, Los Angeles 3, Monrovia 1, Monterey 1, San Bernardino 1, San Joaquin County 1, Stockton 1.

Scarlet Fever

48 cases: Alameda County 2, Fresno County 3, Fresno 1, Kern County 1, Los Angeles County 9, Glendale 1, Los Angeles 5, Pasadena 1, Pomona 2, South Gate 1, Bell 1, Orange County 1, Riverside 1, Sacramento 5, San Diego County 1, San Diego 2, San Francisco 2, San Luis Obispo County 1, Santa Barbara 2, Sonoma County 1, Petaluma 1, Sutter County 1, Ventura County 2, Oxnard 1.

Smallpox

No cases reported.

Typhoid Fever

8 cases: Fresno County 2, Monterey County 1, Sacramento 1, San Francisco 1, Modesto 2, California 1.*

Whooping Cough

282 cases: Oakland 5, Colusa County 1, Contra Costa County 1, Fresno County 5, Fresno 3, Kern County 3, Los Angeles County 32, Arcadia 2, Burbank 2, El Monte 4, Glendale 2, Huntington Park 4, Long Beach 2, Los Angeles 90, Monrovia 1, Pasadena 11, San Fernando 1, San Gabriel 1, South Pasadena 1, Torrance 3, Hawthorne 1, South Gate 13, Monterey Park 1, Signal Hill 3, Maywood 1, Bell 3, Orange County 11, Anaheim 1, La Habra 4, Placentia 3, Placer County 1, Plumas County 4, Riverside County 1, Indio 1, Sacramento 1, Chula Vista 4, San Diego 6, San Francisco 19, San Joaquin County 1, Lodi 1, Stockton 4, San Luis Obispo County 3, San Luis Obispo 1, San Mateo 2, Santa Barbara County 2, Santa Barbara 7, Santa Clara County 2, Santa Cruz County 2, Modesto 1, Ventura County 4.

* Cases charged to "California" represent patients ill before entering the state or those who contracted their illness traveling about the state throughout the incubation period of the disease. These cases are not chargeable to any one locality.

Dysentery (Amoebic)

2 cases: Alameda County 1, Los Angeles County 1.

Dysentery (Bacillary)

6 cases: Los Angeles 4, Mendocino County 1, Santa Clara County 1.

Leprosy

One case: Oakland.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

One case: Los Angeles County.

Poliomyelitis

16 cases: Los Angeles County 2, Glendale 1, Huntington Park 1, Long Beach 1, Los Angeles 7, San Bernardino 1, Santa Barbara 3.

Tetanus

One case: Maywood.

Trachoma

One case: Fresno.

Encephalitis (Epidemic)

15 cases: Berkeley 1, Fresno County 4, Reedley 1, Bakersfield 1, Sacramento County 1, Sacramento 2, Sutter County 2, Tulare County 1, Woodland 1, Yuba County 1.

Paratyphoid Fever

One case: Oakland.

Trichinosis

2 cases: Oakland 1, Placer County 1.

Food Poisoning

5 cases: San Francisco 3, Lodi 1, Tulare County 1.

Undulant Fever

6 cases: Oakland 1, Kern County 2, Los Angeles 1, Pomona 1, Tulare County 1.

Coccidioides Granuloma

3 cases: Kern County 1, Bakersfield 1, Kings County 1.

Relapsing Fever

2 cases: San Bernardino County.

Epilepsy

22 cases: Oakland 2, Fresno 2, Los Angeles 9, Santa Ana 1, San Bernardino 1, San Francisco 4, Lodi 1, Stockton 1, Ventura County 1.

Rabies (Animal)

6 cases: Calexico 1, Los Angeles County 2, Hawthorne 1, San Francisco 2.

Know, or hearken to him who knows. You can not live without knowledge, either your own, or borrowed, but there be many who do not know that they know nothing, and others who think that they know, but know nothing; such deformities of the mind are incurable, whence it is that the ignorant do not know themselves, thus failing to discover what they lack. Some would be wise, if they did not believe that they were, and so it comes to pass that even though the oracles of wisdom are few, they live in idleness, because none consults them: it does not dwarf grandeur, nor argue against capacity to seek advice, yea, to seek advice brings credit; better to debate in the mind, to avoid combat with misfortune.—*Baltazar Gracian, 1653.*

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